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SUBJ: FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF AMCIT WITH U.S. EMPLOYER

1. ON 30 JULY COL. RICHARD ELLIS (RET) TELEPHONED CONGEN TO REPORT THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM HIS EMPLOYER TO SATISFY LOCAL DEBTS AND EFFECT HIS DEPARTURE FROM SAUDI ARABIA. MR. ELLIS IS AN EMPLOYEE OF PACIFIC FAR EASTERN LINES, A FIRM CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS IN THE U.S. MR. ELLIS HAS ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE ON THREE OCCASIONS WITH HIS COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, BUT HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED NO REPLY APART FROM A TERMINATION NOTICE ON 25 JULY EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST. MR. ELLIS REQUESTED THAT THE COMPANY OR ITS RECEIVER IN THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS PROVIDE HIM WITH AIR FARE TO THE U.S., FUNDS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF HIS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND FUNDS FOR LOCAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN SHUTTING DOWN THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS HERE. THESE FUNDS AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY \$9000 (U.S.). IN ADDITION SEVERAL COMPANY OFFICERS, INCLUDING MR. ELLIS HAVE INCURRED HOTEL BILLS LOCALLY. MR. ELLIS STATES THAT COMPANY IS AWARE OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR HOTELS.

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2.IVR. ELLIS REQUESTS THAT DEPAIMENT CONTACT COMPANY OFFICERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, SO THAT HE MAY OBTAIN SOME RESPONSE TO HIS REQUESTS. CAPT. JOHN DOUGHERTY (RET), A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM OR MR. ROBERT BENEDICT, THE COMPANY'S RECEIVER IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS MAY BE REACHED AT 415-576-4000 IN SAN FRANCISCO. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF APPROACH

TO COMPANY.

3. MR. ELLIS ALSO REQUESTS THAT HIS WIFE, MRS. KAY
ELLIS ALSO BE INFORMED OF HIS SITUATION. HE WISHES
TO TELL HER THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO WORRY AND
THAT THE PLANS TO LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
MRS. ELLIS MAY BE REACHED C/O MS. MARY GIFFORD AT
415-893-1915.
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